

Attachment B – CSP Local Question Examples

States may use the following questions or create their own using these examples.

1. Will the resource concern “Water Quality – Excessive Nutrients in Surface Water” be treated through the use of conservation activities included in this application?
2. A cover crop conservation activity will be performed on—
 - a. 75-100% of the cropland acres
 - b. 50-74% of the cropland acres
 - c. 25-49% of the cropland acres
3. Will the planned conservation activity improve, restore, develop, or protect habitat for a listed threatened or endangered species?
4. Is at least 50% of the operation located in a priority watershed, as identified by the local working group?
5. Does the application include conservation activities that will address one or more of the identified targeted resource concerns listed in the State resource assessment?
6. Does this application include an enhancement to convert cropland to pasture?
7. Does this application include an enhancement to convert cropland to forest land?
8. Will the planned conservation activities on forest land help to improve native forest conditions by improving the condition of fire-adapted plants and wildlife habitat?
9. Will the conservation activities planned on forest land improve structure and composition with the intent to restore stand structure currently threatened by invasive species?

Examples of questions that should **not** be included:

1. Does the applicant have a conservation plan developed prior to the application cutoff date? –
DEPENDS ON NRCS ACTIONS
2. Does the applicant have engineering designs completed prior to the application cutoff date? –
NOT RELEVANT TO CSP
3. Will the applicant adopt XX conservation activities on at least 100 acres? – THIS IS NOT SIZE
NEUTRAL
4. Was this application deferred in a past signup? - DOES NOT EVALUATE THE APPLICATION BASED
ON CONSERVATION PERFORMANCE